## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Previously Presented)** A process of preparing a solvent based coating composition comprising mixing
   A) at least one toner base comprising an acrylic polyol, a cellulose resin, a polyester polyol, and a pigment,
   B) at least one connector base comprising at least one resin compatible with the resins mentioned in toner base A), and
   C) at least one reducer base free of resins and pigments.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the compatible resin in the connector base (B) is selected from an acrylic polyol, a cellulose resin, a polyester polyol, a polyurethane polyol, a vinyl resin, a polyisocyanate, and/or mixtures thereof.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the toner base (A) comprises at least 25 wt. % on solids of resins and connector base (B) comprises at most 75 wt. % on solids of resins.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the toner base (A) and connector base (B) together comprise the following resins:
   10 - 40 wt.% on solids of cellulose resin,
   25 - 60 wt.% on solids of acrylic polyol,
   15 - 45 wt.% on solids of polyester polyol, and
   0 – 20 wt.% on solids of a compatible resin,
   the sum of the wt.% indicated for the resins always being 100 wt.%.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the connector base (B) comprises the same type of resins as toner base (A).

6. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the connector base (B) comprises the same resins as toner base (A).

7. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 1, wherein the process additionally comprises the step of mixing a cross-linker base (D) with toner base (A), connector base (B), and reducer base (C).

8. **(Previously Presented)** The process according to claim 7, wherein the cross-linker base (D) comprises an isocyanate hardener.

9. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The coating composition~~ A process according to claim ~~13 wherein said~~ 1 wherein the coating composition prepared is a base coat composition.

10. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The coating composition~~ A process according to claim ~~13 wherein said~~ 1 wherein the coating composition prepared is an interior coating composition.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~M~~method of refinishing a car ~~using the~~ comprising preparing a base coat composition according to the process of claim 9 and applying the base coating composition to a car.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~M~~method of finishing or refinishing the interior of a car ~~using the~~ comprising preparing an interior coating composition according to the process of claim 10 and applying the interior coating composition to an interior automotive part.

13. **Cancelled.**

## RESPONSE

In the office action, claims 1-13 were pending. Claim 13 has been cancelled herein. Applicants acknowledge that claims 1-8 are deemed allowable in the office action.

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epple et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,258,897) in view of "*Cellulose Esters, Organic Esters*", Gedon et al., Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology (1993). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, claim 13 is cancelled. Claims 9-12 are herein amended to overcome the concerns set forth in the office action.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims and a finding that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

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